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11. SUMMARY. Senior officials in the GOI offer enthusiastic support for Secretary Clinton's "Partnering for Food Security: Moving Forward" proposal. END SUMMARY.

- 12. On October 22, ECONOFF delivered Secretary Clinton's cover letter and "Partnering for Food Security: Moving Forward" proposal to Franco Frattini, the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The following day, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) delivered a copy of those documents to Luca Zaia, the Italian Minister for Agriculture.
- 13. On November 3, Minister Frattini's office stated that the GOI is in complete agreement with all points and will support the "Partnering for Food Security: Moving Forward" proposal at the November 16-18 World Food Summit.
- $\underline{\ }^{1}4$. FAS stated that Minister Zaia was extremely happy that we shared the information with him and that he too supports the proposal. THORNE